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PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY FOLLOWING REPLY RECEIVED MAR 10 BY
USUN FROM SYG WALDHEIM TO SECRETARY'S LETTER OF MAR 7 CONCERNING
CAMBODIA.

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DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 7TH CONCERNING
THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. I HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED
THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON
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MARCH 5TH GIVING A SUMMARY OF THE NEGOTIATING EFFORTS

IN CAMBODIA UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES, AND I NOTE THAT YOU ARE CONTINUING YOUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT OUR LAST MEETING, ON 21 DECEMBER, I RAISED THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION IN CONNEXION WITH THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 29TH SESSION. AT THAT TIME YOU ASKED ME TO WAIT FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION UNDER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, WHILE THE UNITED STATES WAS TRYING TO EXPLORE WITH BOTH SIDES WHAT MIGHT BE USEFULLY DONE. IN THAT CONVERSATION YOU INDICATED THAT YOU DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DEVELOPMENTS FOR FROM FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

AS YOU KNOW, AFTER RECEIVING YOUR LETTER OF 20 FEBRUARY, IN WHICH YOU KINDLY SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A TALK AFTER MY RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, I MADE EFFORTS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE ON YOUR PRESENT JOURNEY. I REGRETTED, OF COURSE, THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS, AND I HOPE WE SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AS SOON AS YOU RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE BEEN EXPLORING, THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES HERE, THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOME USEFUL ACTION BY ME UNDER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION. AS YOU KNOW, BOTH PARTIES MADE THEIR POSITIONS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THAT RESOLUTION. PRINCE SIHANOUK CATEGORICALLY REJECTED NEGOTIATIONS, AND, TO JUDGE BY HIS STATEMENT OF MARCH 4, HIS POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT ATTEMPTS BY ME TO ESTABLISH ANY CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK HAVE PROVED UNPRODUCTIVE, AND IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT THE POSITION STATED BY HIM AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IS STILL FIRMLY MAINTAINED. IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR ME TO TAKE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE

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WITH THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SINCE IN ORDER TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER IT IS OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH.

I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR AN EARLY SOLUTION AND I NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND WILL ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME FROM THESE

NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE PARTIES WILL ACCEPT.

I DO NOT HAVE TO REPEAT THAT I AM, OF COURSE,
READY AND WILLING TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION,
PROVIDED THE PARTIES CONCERNED WISH ME TO DO SO, AND I
SHALL CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR WAYS IN WHICH TO RESPONS-
IBILITIES GIVEN TO ME BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN BE
EFFECTIVELY PURSUED.

BEST REGARDS, KURT WALDHEIM

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